

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

June 22, 2006

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

Absent: Representative None.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Gillard**, to approve the minutes of the **June 15, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid SB 912, SB 913, SB 914, SB 917 and SB 919 before the committee.

SB 912	Van Woerkom	Property tax; classification; tax incentive for managing private forestland through a development rights agreement; provide for.
SB 913	Stamas	Taxation; other; qualified forest property recapture tax; create.
SB 914	Allen	Education; other; qualified forest property; exempt from operating mills.
SB 917	Johnson	Taxation; specific property; specific tax on certain commercial forests subject to certain conservation easements; modify.
SB 919	Birkholz	Economic development; renaissance zones; forest products renaissance zones; create.

Rodney Stokes, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in **support of SB 917**.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for the Forestry Bill package (SB 912, SB 913, SB 914, SB 917 and SB 919)** but did not wish to speak.

Pam Atkins, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen and the Timber Producers Association of Michigan and Wisconsin

Kevin Korpi, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council

Brett Henderson, representing Plum Creek Timber

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association

The Following submitted testimony cards in **support of SB 917** but did not wish to speak.

Kieran Marion, from Senator Shirley Johnson's office

Ben Miller, representing the Forestland Group/Butzel Long

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a testimony card indicating **support of SB 913 and SB 914**. Mr. Hickson also submitted a testimony card indicating **opposition to SB 917** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Stakoe moved, supported by **Representative Gillard**, to report out **SB 912** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 912 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to report out **SB 913** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 913 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to report out **SB 914** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 914 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Stakoe moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to report out **SB 917** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 917 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Hildenbrand moved, supported by **Representative Stakoe**, to report out **SB 919** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 919 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 6245 before the committee.

HB 6245 Casperson Agriculture; animals; regulations for privately owned cervidae producers; modify.

Chair Casperson explained his bill to the committee.

Alex Draper, representing the Michigan Deer Elk Farmer Association, testified in **support of HB 6245**. Questions and discussion followed.

Donna Stine, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in **support of HB 6245**.

Bill Moritz and Dennis Knapp, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources testified in **support of HB 6245**.

Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a testimony card in **support of HB 6245** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Hildenbrand moved, supported by **Representative Stakoe**, to adopt the following amendments to **HB 6245**.

1. Amend page 7, line 11, after “act” by striking out “or promulgation of a rule, amend, update, or supplement” and inserting a comma and “**AMEND OR UPDATE**”.
2. Amend page 10, line 14, after “**INITIAL**” by inserting “**REGISTRATION**”.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 11-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltrown, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

No further action was taken on **HB 6245**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:05 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
June 22, 2006
35 minutes

Date Approved and Signed